Americans should be proud President Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize, shouldn't we? Especially on the heels of his embarrassing 2016 Olympics' loss? On the surface, Obama's win looks like a good thing for America, right? Yay, Team US!

But what exactly does it mean to win this prize?

According to Alfred Nobel's will, the Nobel Prize for Peace was supposed to go to "the person who shall have done the most or the best work (emphasis added) for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Yet a quick gander at America's newest and most recent Nobel Peace winners shows that you can win this coveted prize for not actually working but instead just talking about peace, or talking about talking about peace or talking about a huge piece of melting ice. Forget the fact that ice cubes, icebergs and the Wicked Witch are supposed to melt in water. Apparently, the Nobel Peace Prize is not what Al thought it would be.

According to Reuters, former President Jimmy Carter, who won the peace prize in 2002, said Obama's win was to honor the hope he had inspired, even if it had not actually materialized quite yet, somewhere or anywhere in the world. "It is a bold statement of international support for his vision and commitment to peace and harmony in international relations," Carter said.

Unlike Obama, who was nominated for the Nobel after just 10.5 days on the job, Carter won his Peace Prize 22 years after leaving the presidential office, when apparently the Nobel Committee of Norway felt he'd actually done some substantive work for world peace. Let's see, what did he do, again?

"Jimmy Carter was blamed for the Iran hostage crisis, in which the followers of the Ayatollah Khomeni burned American flags and chanted anti-American slogans, parading the captured American hostages in public, and burning effigies of Carter."

No, not that. I remember now: Carter was best known for singing back up to the Mamas and Papas, swinging his hammer to help Habitat for Humanity build houses for poor Americans. Yes indeed, that hammer of Jimbo's struck a mighty blow for peace, on Main Street at least.

Apparently Reuters thinks it's newsworthy that Jimmy Carter thinks Obama deserved to win the coveted prize. But then, Carter also recently lambasted 60 million Americans who didn't check the box for Mr. Nobel Prize, because they are closet racists, this good 'ole boy from the South claimed. (I wonder why he thought that.)

Carter, the champion of peace and part-time nail beater, couldn't believe that 47 percent of America's voters might not want to elect a terrorist-associating, racist-pastor-loving, single-payer health-care-system-promoting, communist-dictator-fawning, community organizer and radical who'd never once held a corporate job or managed a staff of any kind, be it household, school, PTA, business, city, county, state, or federal, let alone all our nation's military forces.

In marginalizing the American public's voting rationale to being solely about a genetically acquired tan (half of it, anyways), Carter insulted the intelligence and pulchritude of far more citizens than had ever voted for this peanut farmer in his heyday. Yes, Jim-meister, calling millions of Americans racist was such a very peaceful, humanitarian thing to do. Hello? Peace Prize guys, do you ever take a Nobel back?

There is no argument that our new president can talk a prize-winning game about world peace, but what has he done to promote "peaceful congresses" abroad, or just here in the States? Obama's much ballyhooed "bi-partisan" health care speech to a joint session of Congress in September didn't offer much in the way of an olive branch, or any other kind of peace for that matter.

What's the word from California's elected representatives from Disneyland, the Happiest Place on Earth?

"Obama didn't embrace any one piece of legislation during his speech," opined Republican Rep. John Campbell of Orange County.

One would hope Obama's speech would have inspired an aura of cooperation with his ex-fellow legislators across the aisle in red cell block OC, but Campbell was clearly not in a peaceful state of mind as he exited Congress, stage right. "Basically, (President Obama) attacked us and scolded us as he did everybody who is opposing this bill. I was frankly shocked . . . This wasn't a speech. It was a lecture," Campbell complained. "I think he drove the wedge between people deeper."

Let's ask we, the people, whom Campbell, Congress and the president are supposed to represent in this American Dream experiment of a representative republic. What do we think our president has done for peace, that he should be nominated for the prize after a week and a half in office, and then win it after serving just nine months?

Reuters found plenty of Main Street Americans who had absolutely no idea why Obama received the prize. "In all candor, he hasn't done anything yet," said fellow Chicagoan June Latrobe, 68. "I know what he's doing, but what has he done?" Yes, that's exactly what she said, according to Reuters.

"Change is coming, but you don't win a Nobel Peace Prize for the future," offered David Spierer, 48, a New Yorker.

Across the bridge in Jersey, folks were less clear. "Obama won? Really? Wow," said David Hassan, 43. "He deserves it, I guess, he's the president. He's a smart guy and I guess he's into peace."

I guess he's into peace? If Vegas offered odds on the outcome of Obama vs. "Operation: American Freedom," I'd hope everyone would help Nevada's tanked economy by wagering a Ben Franklin on the 1-2 million American patriots who peacefully marched in Washington, D.C., on September 12, 2009. For it is these men, women and children of America who know a little sumptin' sumptin' about the true champions of peace through action, or at least through peaceful marching.

Despite the mainstream media's incompetent and scurrilous reporting (or lack of), these patriots

showed the world that America's real Champion of Peace is not James "Jimmy" Earl Carter, despite his self-proclaimed book title, nor is it Barack Hussein Obama, with a history-making complexion and controversial middle name, but someone else, a man infinitely more famous, despite the fact that he had no fancy-shmancy middle name at all.

Thomas (no middle name) Jefferson would have had no patience for Obama's words without action. "Don't talk about what you have done or what you are going to do," he advised his brethren. Instead, Thomas Jefferson led a band of like-minded, action-oriented, government busting, tyranny hating, freedom loving American founding fathers to create and institute the two most important documents in the history of the World: The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States of America. "Having seen the people of all other nations bowed down to the earth under the wars and prodigalities of their rulers," Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I have cherished their opposites: peace, economy, and riddance of public debt, believing that these were the high road to public as well as private prosperity and happiness."

Now that man deserves a Nobel Prize for Peace.